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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB,  
STATUS COUP,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal  
entity, JIM MCDONNELL, LAPD  
CHIEF, sued in his official capacity;

Defendants.

**CASE NO. 25-CV-05423 HDV-E**  
**DECLARATION OF JENNIFER**  
**FORKISH IN SUPPORT OF**  
**DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO**  
**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR**  
**PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

**DECLARATION OF JENNIFER FORKISH**

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2 1. I am employed by the City of Los Angeles where I serve as the Public  
3 Information Director with the Los Angeles Police Department (“LAPD”). I have been  
4 employed with the LAPD since July 29, 2024, and have served in my current role since  
5 that date. I am over the age of 18 years, have personal knowledge of the facts contained  
6 herein, and make the following factual statements based on that personal knowledge and  
7 my review of documents related to this matter. If called to testify, I could and would do  
8 so competently.

9 2. To support the LAPD’s commitment to transparency with the media and the  
10 public when it comes to issues of public safety and concern, the LAPD’s Media  
11 Relations Division is tasked with responding to scenes when appropriate and  
12 communicating with members of the media on incidents that generate interest. The role  
13 of LAPD’s Media Relations Division, and guidelines for media access, are outlined in  
14 more detail in the LAPD’s Media Relations Guide, a true and correct copy of which is  
15 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. This reference guide is intended to provide LAPD  
16 personnel and members of the media with relevant policies and procedures, best  
17 practices, and applicable laws related to duties and responsibilities when interacting with  
18 the media.

19 3. My job as Public Information Director entails overseeing all aspects of  
20 media relations for the LAPD, including answering media questions, responding to  
21 interview requests, and Department-wide messaging. In my role as Public Information  
22 Director for the LAPD, I am routinely contacted by members of the media, who reach  
23 out to me with questions or concerns about media access to incidents at which there is  
24 LAPD presence, including public assemblies.

25 4. Though I (and others) received some complaints from members of the  
26 media concerning the response by law enforcement to protests that began in June 2025, I  
27 also received complimentary and positive feedback from various mainstream media  
28 outlets. For example, Alex Stone, a Los Angeles-based national correspondent for ABC

1 News Radio, sent a complimentary text message to me and LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell  
2 at 6:58 a.m. on Sunday, June 15, 2025, expressing gratitude to the LAPD for "...in the  
3 height of the mess treating us fairly and professionally as things were unfolding" and  
4 specifically saying "thank you for keeping us safe and not hitting us with less lethal." A  
5 true and correct copy of the entire text message I received from Alex Stone is attached  
6 hereto as **Exhibit B**.

7 5. I also watched a KCAL 9 News segment in which a reporter reported live  
8 on air from outside City Hall on June 9, 2025 at approximately 6:10p.m. that "[LAPD]  
9 have been good to just try to get us media out of the way safely, and they warn us...if we  
10 need to fire off these rubber bullets, we will at the protestors..." A true and correct copy  
11 of the relevant portion of that broadcast is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
13 that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2025, in Los  
14 Angeles, California.

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16 Jennifer Forkish